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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS-REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY MINISTER MATALON

REF: A) DEA 2689 B) KINGSTON 1527

1. AT HIS REQUEST, DEA REP AND EMBOFF MET WITH MINISTER MATALON FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR THIS MORNING. MATALON, BEMOANING THE FACT THAT HE HAD SIGNIFICANT INTELLIGENCE BUT COULD NOT GAIN THE ENTHUSIASM OF HIS FORCES WHICH HAD CAUSED THE ESCAPE IN THE PAST FOUR OR FIVE DAYS OF SEVERAL AIRCRAFT, PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING TWO REQUESTS FOR URGENT ACTION: (A) THE LOAN OR USE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF ONE BARON BEEHCRAFT WITH RADAR FOR USE IN TRACKING AND FOLLOWING ALLEGED SMUGGLERS. MATALON SAID HE COULD PROVIDE A COMPLETELY TRUSTWORTHY PILOT. LOAN OF AIRCRAFT WILL PRESUMABLE BE AN INTERIM MEASURE, PENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LONG TERM PROGRAM ENVISIONED IN REF B; (B) MATALON REQUESTED THE DETAIL TO HIM OF TWO OR THREE UNDERCOVER AGENTS WHO WOULD COME TO JAMAICA AND GIVE THE APPEARANCE THEY WERE WILLING TO DEAL FOR SUBSTANTIAL SUMS. MATALON HOPES THROUGH THESE AGENTS TO GET TO SEVERAL SPECIALLY TARGETED OPERATORS WHOSE NAMES AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION HE WOULD FURNISH TO THE AGENTS. SUCH AGENTS WOULD BE REPORTING DIRECTLY

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TO MATALON.

2. DEA REP OUTLINED THE SUBSTANCE OF REF A AND MATALON AGREED TO COOPERATE FULLY, INCLUDING THE MONITERING OF KINGSTON, MONTEGO BAY AND VERNAMFIELD AIREIFLEDS. HE REQUESTED THAT WE PROVIDE HIM WITH DEPARTURE TIME OF AIR-CRAFT FROM FLORIDA SO HE COULD ALERT HIS PEOPLE. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE FULLEST SUPPORT HE WOULD NEED THE BEEHCRAFT BY THIS WEEKEND. DEA REP SUGGESTED THAT IF THIS INFEASIBLE, PERHAPS A BUREAU OF CUSTOMS S-2 COULD BE DISPATCHED TO JAMAICA FOR THIS OPERATION. MATALON SAID UTILIZATION OF S-2 WOULD BE NO PROBLEM. IN CONNECTION WITH REF A OPERATION, MATALON ASKED WHETHER HE MIGHT BE PROVIDED WITH APPROPRIATE RECEIVING EQUIPMENT FOR THE TRANSPONDERS.

.3. MATALON ASKED WHETHER WASHINGTON REP TO WHOM HE SPOKE APRIL 11 HAD BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON THE FLORIDA BANKING CONNECTION WHOSE NAME HE GAVE THEM.

4. EMBASSY HOPES THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES CAN RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO MATALON ASAP. HEWITT

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